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Public Health Service  
Agency for Toxic Substances  
and Disease Registry

Memorandum

Date March 11, 1992  
From Epidemiologist, DHS, EDRB (E31)  
Subject Registry Information  
To Jack Kelly, Regional Representative  
Environmental Protection Agency Region III

Attached please find the information that was mailed on March 10, 1992 to some potential National Exposure Registry members who reside in Hereford and Washington Townships, Pennsylvania.

I am also sending you a copy of the "Policy and Procedures" for the National Exposure Registry.

If you have any questions regarding the attachments, please don't hesitate to call me at (404) 639-6202.

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Agency for Toxic Substances  
and Disease Registry  
Atlanta GA 30333

March 10, 1992

Dear Resident:

Since the long-term effects of contact with hazardous substances in the environment are currently unknown and of great concern, Congress passed a law in 1980 (commonly known as Superfund) that created a new organization to examine these effects. This organization is called the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and is a part of the United States Public Health Service.

The mission of ATSDR is to prevent or reduce the harmful human health effects and diminished quality of life that may result from exposure to hazardous substances. This mission involves establishing the National Exposure Registry in order to help scientists understand if long-term exposure to hazardous substances affects human health.

We want to interview some current and former residents of Hereford and Washington Townships, Pennsylvania who may have been exposed to the chemical trichloroethylene (TCE) through their water supply. All eligible people who take part in the Registry will help research about this important public health issue.

Some ATSDR staff will be contacting you soon in order to identify, locate, and interview people who have lived in your household during the period of exposure. The period of exposure is from January 1, 1967 through the present, or until a filtration system was installed. The ATSDR will begin contacting you and other potential Registry members beginning March 18, 1992. If you are eligible, you will be asked to take part in the Registry by completing a 15-minute interview about your health and background.

The ATSDR invites you to come to the public meeting about the Registry and your possible involvement in it. The public meeting is scheduled for the evening of March 17, 1992 (see enclosed flyer). At that time, we will try to answer your questions and will ask for your cooperation. If you cannot come to the meeting, we hope you support the Registry by agreeing to be interviewed.

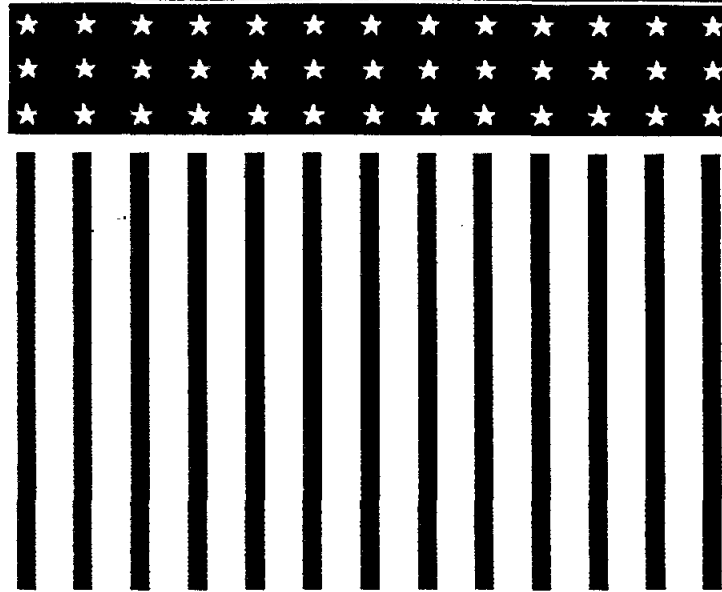
If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in the Registry, please call Dr. John Andrews at (404) 488-4033. If you have any questions about the National Exposure Registry or the interview with ATSDR, please write or call me at (404) 639-6202.

Sincerely yours,

Je Anne R. Burg, Ph.D.  
Chief, Exposure and Disease  
Registries Branch

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# Public MEETING About THE NATIONAL EXPOSURE REGISTRY

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AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES  
AND DISEASE REGISTRY

LOCATION:  
HEREFORD Township Municipal Building  
Township SUPERVISOR'S MEETING ROOM  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1992

TIME: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



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